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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1896. [31

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1896. [32

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL£1,500,000
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" 6 " 3½ "
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J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 7th July, 1896. [8

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

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Chan Kit Shan, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS£800,000
RESERVE FUND£325,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " ... 3½ "
" " " 3 " ... 2½ "
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [53

Notice of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day OPENED a BRANCH of our FIRM in YOKOHAMA for Business in RAW and WASTE SILK, &c., and have Authorised Mr. H. BENT to Sign per Procuration.
HERBERT DENT & Co.
Canton, 15th August, 1896. [1294

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day commenced Business as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
W. SHEWAN.
Hongkong, 20th July, 1896. [1149

Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has long taken the lead in SIMPLIFYING the CONDITIONS and LIBERALISING the CONTRACT of LIFE ASSURANCE, thereby giving greatly increased Security to the Holders of the Company's Policies.
For full Particulars and Rates,
Apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [464

EMPRESS ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

FIRE AND MARINE.

WE have This Day been appointed AGENTS, and are prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1896. [742

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL£2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....£2,480,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA.....£ 757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896. [910

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [34

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO $833,333·33
RESERVE FUND $318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUM, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1895. [48

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.
CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [247

Intimations.

PETER DAWSON'S SCOTCH WHISKY.
THE WELL-KNOWN BRANDS.
PERFECTION. SPECIAL.
EXTRA SPECIAL.
Apply to
H. H. KIRCH & Co.,
Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1896. [753

CARBOLINEUM-AVENARIUS
USED FOR 20 YEARS.
With the Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot and Dampness.
Sole Agents for China,
SCHEELE & Co.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1896. [821

AMERICAN SYSTEM
OF
DENTISTRY
AT
62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
CHADWICK KEW,
(LATE OF POATE & NOBLE.)
Hongkong, 5th March, 1896. [95

Intimations.

THE PHARMACY.

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This refreshing and invigorating Table Water contains 8 per cent. more IRON CARBONATE than any Water from similar Spas.
Sole Agents for HONGKONG and SOUTH of CHINA:—
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In 2lb., 1lb. and ½lb. TIN. RETAIL PRICE...$1.20, 60c. and 30c.
THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY,
CENTRAL MARKET.
J. TATAM,
PROPRIETOR.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1896. [49

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
JAPAN, &c.	*Canton*	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	Noon, 25th Aug.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON, &c.	*Ravenna*	E. Street	Noon, 27th Aug.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	*Ancona*	W. D. Mudie	Noon, 28th Aug.	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Formosa*	R. A. Peters	About 2nd Sept.	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	*Rokilla*	F. N. Tillard	About 6th Sept.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	*Shanghai*	J. Cowie, R.N.R.	About 16th Sept.	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [431

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BASS' PALE ALE,
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10 YEARS OLD—Price per Dozen...$12.
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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1896. [273

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MONTHLY RATES FOR BOARDERS AT H.K. HOTEL.
BREAKFAST $12.00
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15, *Queen's Road*, *WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS.*
Hongkong, 15th August, 1896. 99

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
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For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1896. [28

THE CLUB HOTEL,
5, *BUND, YOKOHAMA.*
HOTEL METROPOLE,
1, *TSUKIJI, TOKYO.*

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT Experienced English matron in attendance.
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VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.
Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.
THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, Proprietors.
E. V. SIOEN, Manager, *YOKOHAMA.* | L. DEWETTE, Manager, *TOKYO.* [1160

Intimations.

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do 1 " quarts$33 "
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Hongkong, 25th June, 1895. [803

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Hongkong, 22nd August, 1896. [1004

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GANDE PRICE & CO.,
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Hongkong, 19th August, 1896. [1000

To-day's Advertisements.

AN ORGAN RECITAL

WILL TAKE PLACE

AT THE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL,

ON

THURSDAY EVENING, the 27th August,

AT 0.15 P.M.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE NEW ORGAN.

1.—Grand March—For Organ (composed for the occasion), by Mr. T. Orange.
Mr. G. GRIMBLE.

2.—Inflammatus—For Soprano from Rossini's, Sabat Mats.
Miss CARVALHO.

3.—Barcarolle—For Orchestra of Mandolines and Guitars.
LADIES & GENTLEMEN AMATEURS.

4.—Monastic Coro in distance and duet—for Flute and Clarionet, by Maestro A. Cattaneo.
Maestro CATTANEO.

5.—Salve Maria—For Baritone, by Mercadante.
Mr. C. H. GRACE.

6.—Pastorale—For Organ (Bach).
Mr. O. BAPTISTA.

7.—No. 6 Sonata—For Organ, by Mendelssohn.
Mr. G. GRIMBLE.

8.—Cujus Animam—For Tenor—from Rossini's Sabat Mats.
Mr. D. K. SLIMAN.

9.—Serenade—For Orchestra of Mandolines and Guitars, by Actolr.
LADIES & GENTLEMEN AMATEURS.

10.—Ave Maria—For Soprano, by Camerana.
Mrs. HAGAN.

11.—(*a*) Qui tollis and Qui Sedes for basso } From
(*b*) Laudamico te for tenor.... } A. Cattaneo
(*c*) Christe—Duet for tenor and basso } No. 3 Mass,
Messrs. VAN NIEROP & KRALL.

12.—Solo for Tromba and Marcia finale, by Maestro Cattaneo.
Maestro A. CATTANEO.

ADMISSION FREE.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1329

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CANTON,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo :—
From Madras, *ex* S.S. *Sirsa*.
From Venice, *ex* S.S. *Clyde*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 29th instant at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th August 1896. [431

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MYRMIDON,"

Captain Gardner, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1288

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"NANYANG,"

Captain F. W. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1326

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"MERITE,"

Captain Daniel, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1250

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain G. A. Tayler, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1330

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENMOHR,"

Captain Le Boutillier, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 5th Sept.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1327

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship

"BENLARIG,"

Captain Wallace, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 8th September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1328

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

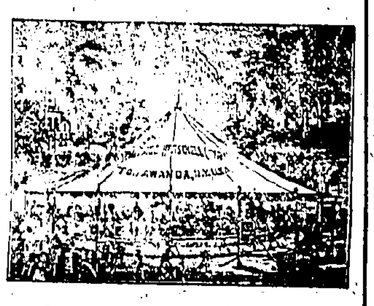
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8 PER CENT. per Share and BONUS of 4 PER CENT. for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1896, DECLARED at Monday's Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after TUESDAY, the 25th August, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central.

By order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1331

LAST WEEK!! [LAST WEEK!!



ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS!

THE MANAGER begs to inform the Public and those who have not as yet availed themselves of the opportunity of VISITING and RIDING on the AMERICAN STEAM RIDING GALLERY that this is positively the Last Week in Hongkong. Good Music, &c.

RECLAMATION GROUND,

PRAYA, WEST POINT.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1332

TENDERS FOR REPAIRS.

TO BRITISH BARQUE *GLEN CALADH*, will be received by the Undersigned up to NOON on WENDESDAY, the 26th instant. Separate Tenders are required for :—

(1st).—Damage Sustained by FIRE & WATER, and

(2).—RIGGING, MASTS, YARDS, &c.

Survey Reports can be seen at the Offices of
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1333

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525, E.C.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896 [1335

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 1st September, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1336

TO LET.

THE SECOND FLOOR of 16, PRAYA CENTRAL, hitherto occupied by the BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION. Immediate Possession.

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Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1334

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

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Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [427

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The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the Manufacture throughout.

Intimation.

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LITHIA WATER,
SARSAPARILLA WATER,
TONIC WATER,
GINGER ALE,
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 4th July, 1896. [c

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1896.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, August 21st.

The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Russell of Killowen) addressing the Law Congress at Saratoga, vigorously advocated arbitration in a large majority of international questions.

The address was undoubtedly prompted by a desire to promote friendship between Great Britain and the United States.

(From the *North China Daily News*.)

THE FORESHORE QUESTION AT CHEFOO.

CHEFOO, August 18th.

The Russians occupied the disputed foreshore on Saturday, and began digging foundations. Messrs. Fergusson & Co. applied for an injunction restraining them, but were refused.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. T. J. Nakagawa, Japanese Consul at Townsville, arrived here by the *Afrik* this morning *en route* for Tokio.

A RUSSIAN Major-General and 22 drill-instructors are shortly expected in Seoul to take charge of the Korean army.

SOMETHING like it! The Phœnix Pile, Gympie, Q., on the 5th instant completed the crushing of 154 tons stone, which yielded 1,560oz. gold.

UP to the 1st instant the Australian XI had played 22 matches in England, winning 13, and losing three, whilst the remaining six were drawn.

HE: "Can I bring you anything else, Miss Clara?"
SHE: "Oh, if you would bring me somebody nice to talk to!"

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended August 23rd are:—Europeans, 294; Chinese, 1,846; total 2,140.

MELBOURNE University now numbers a Chinese lad amongst its medical students. Already it has graduated a Chinese lawyer in Mr. Ling Ah Mouy, a solicitor.

THE cultivation of sugar beet in New South Wales is proving very successful, and is being undertaken on a large scale by many of the farmers in and around Tenterfield, where a mill is shortly to be erected.

GAUDAUR, the American sculler, has sailed for London for the purpose of trying to wrest the world's championship from Stanbury. The race will be rowed on the Thames on September 7th.

IT was reported in Calcutta on the 7th instant that General Sir William Elles, commanding the Bengal Army, was seized with a virulent attack of cholera a day or two previously at Naini Tal, and expired in a few hours.

IT is reported in certain native quarters, says the *North China Daily News*, that there has been a hitch in the final negotiations of the Commercial Treaty between China and Japan at Peking. Certain clauses, it is said, require to be amended, which the Emperor and his advisers insist upon.

IN noticing the birth of a new daily paper, *The Shanghai Daily Press* to wit, the *N. C. Daily News* says (on the 18th inst.), that "it is a very creditable production under the circumstances and will, no doubt, improve with age." So far we have received no copies of the new journal at this office.

A SERIOUS accident happened in Wellington Street at 3.30 this afternoon, a Chinese boy, 7 years of age, falling from the verandah of the third floor of No. 18 Wellington Street and sustaining well-nigh fatal injuries. He was carried off to the hospital in one of the Police ambulances.

THE dividend of 8 per cent. and bonus of 4 per cent. for the six months ending the 30th June, 1896, declared at the meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company to-day, will be payable at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after the 25th instant.

NO PLAGUE AT AMOY.

The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce writes us :—

The Chamber is informed by the Colonial Secretary that the following telegram has been received from H.B.M.'s Consul at Amoy—"Amoy is now free from plague."

STILL she wanders! This afternoon the Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Kwongtung* left port with the ship *Wandering Jew* in tow, bound for Amoy. It will be remembered that a few months ago the cargo stowed in this well-known sailing ship caught fire while the vessel was in port here and that extensive damage resulted therefrom.

IN the course of a leader the *North China Daily News* says :—The Chinese Telegraph Administration has been obliged to come to terms with the Cable Companies, after a long and gallant struggle, by Count Cassini's orders, and the foreign community owes to the Russian Minister the increase of 37½ per cent. in the tariff for telegrams to Europe. The British Minister opposed this new Convention in the interest of the commercial community as long as it was possible to do so, and only gave way under the influence which the Cable Companies apparently were able to bring to bear.

THE *Soleil* publishes an article directed against the supremacy of Great Britain. The journal points out that England is at the height of her commercial prosperity, that the value to her maritime trade surpasses that of all the other nations of the world together, and, finally, that all other nations are tributary to England for international telegraphic communications.—The journal therefore recommends the re-establishment of the system of privateering in time of war as carried on in the old days by Jean Bart and Surcouf, but adapted to modern requirements—that is to say, by means of cruisers and fast ships, regularly commissioned, which would shun an encounter with a man-of-war and only prey upon merchant vessels. "Great Britain (concludes the *Soleil*) would have more consideration for us, and would be more disposed to grant us concessions, if she knew that we were equipped for privateering, and that we did not regard ourselves as bound by the Declaration of 1856, abolishing privateering." Splendid! "Lay on, Macduff, and d—d be him who first cries 'Hold! enough!'"

THINKING the innermost recesses of the sub-editorial sanctum were not only beyond the ken but also beyond the reach of ordinary mortals the writer retreated into his dingy "den" at 10 o'clock this morning bent on working out a problem" connected with the military music and preparing, for the edification of the masses, the news of the world brought to this busy port by the good steamship *Afrik*. He had hardly got well "set" when the office boy came sneaking in with a card almost as big as the *Hongkong Telegraph* and covered with the stars and stripes and all sorts of invitations to smile and in very big type the words "FRANK BURTON, *the* AMERICAN HUSTLER." We had no desire to "spin yarns" with Mr. Frank Burton or any other globe-trotter and certainly were not in a mood for a 'brush' with an "American Hustler"; but we were in for it all the same for hardly had the words—"talkee he my no can see to-day" fallen from our lips than in walked the "hustler" in an awful hurry. He talked of starting round the world with a suit of clothes made of newspapers (not copies of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, though!), being backed by Richard K. Fox of the *New York Police Gazette* for $5,000, asking for and paying for nothing, and returning to New York within 18 months the happy possessor of $1,000 and tons of experience. When our friend had got through with his "preliminary canter" he submitted, quietly enough, to a cross-examination which elicited the information that he gives "shows" wherever he sees, is a good talker, a tip-top comedian, is hustling round the world, trusting entirely to his wits and his ability to work his passage even on a "blue-nose" barque. He is at present working his way to Shanghai and Yokohama on the *Afrik* and on Saturday will probably, under the auspices of several of our leading amateurs, give a first-class entertainment in the Theatre Royal.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY,—24th August.

Dividend of $1.25 on shares of the H.K. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. payable.

TO-MORROW,—25th August.

Canadian mail due.

Dividend of 8 per cent. per share of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on and after this date.

Noon.—*Doric* leaves for San Francisco, *vid* usual ports of call.

2:30 and 3 p.m.—Auction of valuable leasehold properties, in lots, by Mr. J. M. Armstrong.

4.45.—Rifle Brigade Birthday Sports.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

WEDNESDAY,—26th August.

5 p.m.—*Braemar* leaves for Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, *vid* usual ports of call.

THURSDAY,—27th August.

Tacoma mail due.

11 a.m.—English Mail closes.

Noon.—*Ravenna* sails for London.

9.15 p.m.—Organ recital at the R. C. Cathedral.

THE STATUS OF CHINESE IN FORMOSA.

THEY CAN BECOME SUBJECTS OF THE MIKADO.

THEIR MANNERS AND CUSTOMS NOT TO BE INTERFERED WITH.

When the Japanese took over the island of Formosa from the Chinese it was agreed by the contracting parties that the subjects of the Emperor of China then resident in Formosa should be allowed a certain number of months wherein to decided whether they would prefer to become Japanese subjects or sever all connection with the "Beautiful Isle" and return to their Mother Country. The time allowed to the Chinese to make up their minds on this important subject expires on the 8th May, 1897, and consequently it will be necessary for all Chinese who do not wish to be enrolled as Japanese subjects to dispose of their property and leave the island at some convenient date *prior to* the 8th May next. It is reasonable to assume, however, that the exodus will not be very great—that it will, at all events, be in no wise comparable to the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt in the good old days when Herod ruled the roost in the fair land of the Pharoahs—for thousands of Chinese whose ancestors emigrated from the mainland and settled in the "Beautiful Isle" regard the island as their home, have considerable interests at stake there, and could abandon their business and their properties there only at great loss to themselves. Moreover, there are thousands of Chinese farmers and labourers in the island who earn a fair livelihood there and who would by no means be sure of success on the densely populated mainland. There will be some hundreds, however, who, dissatisfied with the new order of things and puffed up with the ludicrous notion that there is no place on earth like the Celestial Empire and no Ruler so powerful, so beneficent, and so wise as the "Son of Heaven," will decline to become subjects of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan and will therefore sever, once and for ever, their connection with Formosa before the 8th May next. It goes without saying, though, that those who elect to remain in the island will not only be able to retain that which they now possess there, but will be given full and adequate protection for their lives and their property by the Governor-General and his subordinates.

The present is, we believe, a somewhat critical time for the Chinese in Formosa, for while many of them favour the proposals of some of their leaders, or head men, to become Japanese subjects, some "unquiet spirits" are doing all in their power to induce their countrymen to leave the island in large numbers and are also offering to grant assistance to those who are willing to shake the dust of Formosa off their feet and follow them into the neighbouring land flowing with milk and honey. These artful agitators are reported to be busy circulating misleading reports about the intentions of the Japanese, averring that when the 8th of May, 1897, comes those who have been foolish enough to remain in the island will be treated like serfs, will be compelled to cut of their *queues*, and will be subjected to galling indignities. The whole of these reports are mischievous canards. There is not an atom of truth at the bottom of them, and they are merely the inventions of cunning and evil-minded persons who prey upon the ignorance and superstitions of their countrymen. These assertions are not made at random, but on the information in our possession which emanates from the Central Government of Formosa. It sets forth that—

(*a*.) The people now resident in Formosa who wish to remain in the island after the 8th May, 1897, are at liberty to do so and will be protected like other Japanese subjects.

(*b*.) The Imperial Government will in no way interfere with the manners and customs of the people, either by compulsion or otherwise. It is specially ordained that the people in Formosa can continue to wear *queues* for all time and can continue to live and carry on whatsoever form of worship and whatsoever manners and customs they please.

(*c*.) The regulations setting forth whatever is necessary for observance in order that Formosans may enjoy the same rights and privileges as other Japanese subjects will shortly be promulgated for the information and guidance of all.

(*d*.) There is no truth in the rumour that in order to enjoy the same rights and privileges as other Japanese subjects Formosans and Chinese in Formosa will have to pay fees, or other compensation, to the Government. All who remain in the Island will be protected and governed by just laws which will insure their happiness and prosperity. They will find that the laws of Japan are quite different from the old tyrannical system of government in vogue in China. The smoking of opium is prohibited by Japanese Law; but in Formosa those who do not now smoke opium will alone be prohibited, while others who have contracted the habit (habitual smokers) will be allowed to continue the habit.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(*Before his Lordship Dr. J. W. Carrington, C.M.G., Chief Justice.*)

August 24th.

R. v. LO CHUK-LEUNG.

Lo Chuk-leung was charged on six counts with an offense under the *Women and Girls Protection Ordinance*.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, Attorney-General (instructed by Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor) prosecuted, Mr. J. J. Francis Q.C., (instructed by Mr. J. Hastings, of Mr. V. H. Deacon's office) defending.

The following jury was drawn to try the case :—Messrs. F. F. Santos, S. W. Hayward, C. J. Schmeisser, N. J. Rouchwaldy, H.J.M. de Figueredo, C. H. W. Kew, and J. B. Cousins.

The Attorney General having briefly outlined the case, evidence was led.

At the conclusion of the evidence of the complaining witness his Lordship directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, the evidence of the girl alone not being sufficient to determine her age.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The half-yearly general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the head office, 14th Praya Central, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. J. Kramer presided, and there were also present Messrs. St. C. Michaelsen, J. H. Lewis, N. A. Siebs, Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, J. S. Van Buren, G. B. Dodwell (Directors) D. Gillies, Chief Manager, T. Arnold, C. S. Sharp, F. Henderson, H. Wicking, R. Mitchell, W. Parfitt, P. Jordan and T. I. Rose (Secretary).

The notice calling the meeting having been read by the Secretary,

The Chairman said :—Gentlemen, with your permission I will take the report, which has been in your hands for some time, as read. It is a great satisfaction to your Directors to be able to continue to lay before you such favourable results. When we met a year ago we placed before you what was then described as a "record" report. Since then our figures have steadily increased, and, according to the report, we have now, for appropriation the highly satisfactory sum of $623,547.42. This enables us to again pay a dividend of 8 per cent. and a bonus of 4 per cent. to shareholders, to make a return of $20,000 to Contributing Shareholders, write off some $51,500, increase the reserve fund to $400,000 and carry forward about $157,000 to new account. These figures speak for themselves and I have but few comments to make to them. The $200,000 passed to Reserve out of last account have been on fixed deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for some time past, and our interest account, already reduced to a nominal amount at the debit, will, I trust, appear on the credit side of our next statement. A case of salvage accounts for the marked increase in our Towage earnings. The constant prosperity of this Company is not only a proof of the high-class workmanship performed by our efficient staff, but is also a sign of the ever increasing shipping trade of this Colony. Taking also into consideration the very low book value of our various establishments, I may safely say that the prospects of this Company are very promising indeed. At Kowloon the new houses for the European employés are approaching completion, while the buildings for the same purpose at our Cosmopolitan establishment are already finished. At Cosmopolitan Dock some work of extension is going on, while at Kowloon, with a view to relieve the pressure of work, and to meet the increasing wants of our constituents, your Directors have under consideration certain schemes for adding largely to the facilities of that establishment. The negotiations with the Government for the construction of a new dock at Kowloon have been broken off, our proposals having been declined by the Admiralty. Upon Mr. Gillies's return to the Colony in May last, Mr. Cook was granted leave of absence. I wish still to mention that high praise is due to our staff, who have at all times, I may say day and night, during the very busy half-year, done their utmost to assist our managers to attain the good results before you to-day. In concluding my remarks I am glad to be able to state that the work for July shows very satisfactory results, while the month of August promises well. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to put regarding the matters now before the meeting.

Mr. Wicking:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I would like to ask if any arrangements have been made to compensate the working staff for the great amount of overtime—to which they are entitled?

The Chairman:—That is a matter for the end of the year.

The Chairman added that the matter would receive the attention of the Board in the next report.

The Chairman :—There being no other questions, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts as presented.

Mr. Sharp:—I have much pleasure in seconding that, and in doing so I think that the shareholders join with me in feeling grateful to the management and staff upon whom depended this very fine showing. I can endorse the remarks made by Mr. Wicking about the staff, and their excellent work. Looking only at the figures for the last half year, it is marvellous to see the way the prosperity of the Company has been increased. Though we could hope these figures could be kept up, the shareholders will all be glad to see something is being put by for a rainy day. I beg to second.

Carried.

The Chairman :—Gentlemen, that concludes the business. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Eastern and Australian Co.'s steamship *Guthrie*, Capt. St. John George, from Sydney and ports, arrived in harbour this morning. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our Colonial exchanges :—

BRISBANE, July 25th.

Mr. John Donaldson, who was recently re-elected member for the Logan, Queensland, died suddenly last night.

LONDON, July 25th.

The Tsar of Russia is at present visiting the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria at Vienna.

The barque *Trinidad*, coal laden from Newcastle for Caldera, Chili, is considerably overdue, and fears are entertained for her safety.

The scarcity of water owing to the continued drought is causing much suffering in the East End of London, and the street fountains in Whitechapel are mobbed by excited crowds. The supply is limited to six hours daily.

The trial has commenced at Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, of five persons who are charged with having conspired to murder M. Stamboloff in July of last year. There are 130 witnesses to be examined.

[A savage and fatal attack was made upon M. Stamboloff while he was returning to his house from a visit to a club on July 15th, 1895. He lost both his hands and one eye, besides sustaining other terrible injuries, and in spite of all efforts to save him, he died three days afterwards.]

July 20th.

Harvesting is progressing throughout Great Britain, and reports as to the yield are unanimously favourable. In France and Russia the yield has not proved equal to expectations, but otherwise the harvest on the Continent is favourable.

A Blue Book dealing with affairs connected with the Transvaal has been issued by the Government of the Cape Colony. In it Mr. W. P. Schreiner, Q.C., who was Attorney-General in the last Rhodes Administration, testifies that on December 30 last Mr. Cecil Rhodes said, "Jameson has upset my apple cart. A twenty years' friend ruins me."

The Cape Legislative Assembly has unanimously adopted the report of a select committee on the proceedings of the British South Africa Company. The report states that the books of the company show that Mr. Cecil Rhodes drew cheques to the amount of £61,500, covering an account which was styled the "new concession account." The books also show that Mr. Rhodes met advances made by Mr. Wolff (one of the Reform Committee who evaded capture and escaped from South Africa), and Captain R. White (one of the officers on trial in England) for the purpose of Dr. Jameson's raid into the Transvaal. The London Directors of

the British South Africa Company explain that before Dr. Jameson's raid an advance of £1000 was the only one advised from the Cape. They believed that the "new concession account" referred to Bechuanaland.

July 27th.

Johnson, the editor of the *Seamen's Chronicle*, has been expelled from Antwerp for promoting a dock strike there.

The World's Congress of Socialist Workers is now being held in London, and the Congress has passed resolutions demanding an eight-hour day and universal suffrage.

SYDNEY, July 28th.

In the intercolonial football match played at Sydney on Saturday last, the Queensland team defeated New South Wales by 13 points to 7.

MELBOURNE, July 28th.

The Victorian gold yield for the past half-year was 412,658 oz., showing an increase of 43,615oz.

The report of the Commercial Bank of Australia shows a loss of £2,460 for the past year.

LONDON, July 29th.

A match has been arranged between Stanbury the Australian, and Gaudaur, the American, for the world's sculling championship, to be rowed on the Thames on 7th September.

August 1st.

The German and French papers comment in by no means complimentary terms upon the upshot of the trial of Dr. Jameson and his companions, the sentences being regarded as absurdly light. The whole proceeding is denounced as a palpable farce, merely designed as a sop to appease the public conscience.

BRISBANE, August 4th.

The chairman of the Queensland National Bank, in his address at the half-yearly meeting of the bank, said that it was impracticable to continue paying 4½ per cent on deferred deposits.

A friendly consultation had already been conducted with the Government on the subject, and a reduction in the rate of interest and an extension of time for payments to be made are suggested in order to ease the position of the bank.

The Hon. J. D Macansh, M.L.C., died suddenly at Warwick on Saturday afternoon, while attending a meeting of the Glengallan Divisional Board.

LONDON, August 5th.

The World's Congress of Socialist Workers, now sitting in London, have passed a resolution in which they favour demanding the nationalisation of collieries, railways, and factories.

The heat in parts of Europe during the past few days has been tremendous. Eighteen deaths from sunstroke have been reported at Konigsberg, in Prussia, in on day.

The failure is announced of the firm of Moore Bros., financiers, of Chicago. The liabilities are estimated at one million sterling.

The drought still continues, and the suffering and sickness in consequence is increasing There has been an alarming increase of sickness in the neighbourhood of Whitechapel, London, where the water is now only being supplied for an hour daily.

Earl Delawarr's eleven beat the Australians by four wickets.

The Australians are now playing against Warwickshire. The Colonials won the toss, and are all out in first innings for 339, Darling contributing over one hundred.

Two men have just eclipsed all previous records of foolhardy adventure by crossing the the Atlantic from New York to Liverpool in a small rowing boat, without the aid of sails. The voyage occupied fifty-five days.

The Italian warship *Roma* was struck by lightning and set on fire, and had to be blown up with torpedoes to prevent the flames reaching the magazines.

MELBOURNE, August 6th.

Action has been taken by the Crown authorities against certain directors and auditors of the City of Melbourne Bank, on the charge made against them of issuing a false report and balance-sheet.

LONDON, August 8th.

The Australians won the match against Warwickshire by an innings and 60 runs.

W. G. Grace scored 301 in the match Gloucester against Sussex.

England has offered to hand over Norfolk Island to the control of New South Wales. Sydney Parliament now considering whether it is advisable to accept the responsibility. The majority of the members inclined to regard the island as a possible white elephant.

The balloon expedition has left Spitsbergen. It will steam as far north as possible, and thence attempt to reach the North Pole by means of a specially constructed balloon.

Li Hung-chang, the Chinese Envoy, has informed London *Times*, that China is increasing her taxation with a view to remodelling her defences. He also stated that orders have been given for the construction in England of several warships of the latest pattern.

August 13th.

The Australians made 310 in their first innings against Kent, who responded with a score of 196. The Australians have scored 186 in the second innings for loss of nine wickets.

Judge Williams, of Victoria, has stepped into the arena as a candidate for the vacant seat in the Privy Council.

Mr. Hogan, a member of the House of Commons, has asked Mr. Chamberlain to reconsider the petitions for the separation of North Queensland, refused by the last Government.

Mr. Henry, of Cardwell, Queensland, the owner of yards for the treatment of tick-infested cattle, announces that Apollo oil completely kills the ticks without in any way injuring the cattle.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

JAPAN AND KOREA.

We are indebted to our Japanese and Korean exchange for the following items :—

The Osaka Kioritsu Hoken Kaisha now issues fire policies.

There were 1,182 officers in the Japanese navy on July 31st.

The Kobe rickshaw tariff has been increased twenty per cent.

Japan's National Debt at the end of June last was $374,642,880.

The Yokohama police have started a crusade against stray dogs.

The Korean police in Wonsan have not been paid for ten months!

The Customs collections at Kobe during June amounted to $103,918.

The cotton spinning mills in Japan are suffering from a dearth of hands.

The Hokkaido dreaweed crop is said to be exceptionally fine this year.

The cable between Nagasaki and Shanghai was repaired on August 2nd.

There are forty-two cities in Japan with populations exceeding 50,000.

Another brewery, with a capital of one million yen, is to be erected in Japan.

The Japanese Government has decided to station one more Brigade in Formosa.

It is reported that the Yokohama Bicycle Works are to ship 100 "bikes" to America.

The late Queen of Korea left $400,000 on deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

It is reported in Korea that Japan is to give Korea five million yen out of the war indemnity.

The Japan Railway Company has just declared a half-yearly dividend at 18 per cent per annum.

Six Japanese electric light companies paid half yearly dividends ranging between 8 and 18 per cent.

The exports from Kobe during June were valued at yen 2,536,131; the imports at yen 6,692,180.

In the Japanese army fife and drum bands are to be established in future besides the brass bands now in use.

The first issue of the new Japanese stamps, commemorating the victory over China, was all taken up the first day.

The value of imports into Nagasaki during July amounted to 880,000 yen and that of exports thence to 400 000 yen.

Admiral Alexieff and the officers and men of the Russian fleet contributed $1,000 to the Tidal Wave Relief Fund.

It is estimated that the total sum called up by various Japanese joint-stock companies during July exceeded ten million yen.

SHANGHAI AND NORTH CHINA.

We are indebted for the following items to our Shanghai exchanges :—

Chefoo is full of visitors from all parts of North-China.

The United States treaty with China is soon to be revised.

The native opium crop in Anhwei is reported to be a failure.

Railways are talked of for the provinces of Shansi and Shensi.

The railway between Tongku and Tientsin is shortly to be doubled.

Materials for the Tientsin-Peking railway are beginning to arrive at Taku.

Eight pirates were recently captured near Chinhai and at once decapitated.

Two schools wherin English is taught have been opened in Szechuen province.

Heavy floods in Siberia have interrupted railway and telegraphic communications.

The officials at Soochow are energetic in their endeavours to put down anti-foreign risings.

Several questions connected with the new Concessions at Tientsin are still in abeyance.

The survey of the Hankow-Peking railway has been commenced by two foreign engineers.

It is reported that Li Hung-chang is to engage 500 riflemen as instructors for the Chinese Army.

The Russo-Chinese Bank has been appointed Shanghai agent for the Russian Volunteer Fleet.

In anticipation of the opening of Soochow as a treaty port numbers of Japanese are flocking there.

A locust plague is threatened in Kiangsu province, and the officials are offering bounties on locusts' eggs.

The Foochow officials are trying to induce the merchants to invest in the Arsenal. The latter can't see it.

Freight at 16 shillings from Hongkong to New York is advertised in Tientsin, as against 44 shillings to London.

Four soldiers carrying the wages of a camp near Amoy were lately waylaid and murdered, the money being stolen.

The Chinese authorities have decided not to grant any more passports for the present to European travellers desirous of entering Tibet.

A Japanese steam launch company has obtained permission from the Tsung-li Yamen to run from Shanghai to Soochow and Hangchow.

STRAITS AND SIAM.

We call the following items from Singapore and Bangkok exchanges :—

It is reported that house rents are being increased at Singapore.

Complaint comes from the Malay States of abnormally dry weather.

The Bangkok Dock Co. is now turning out fast passenger launches.

The tea plantations in Java are pronounced by experts to be very promising.

The Royal Siamese Railway Department has taken full charge of the Korat Railway.

Siamese mining ventures are reported to be regarded with indifference in London and Paris.

At Tanjong Rhu, Singapore, a thousand ton boat built there was recently successfully launched.

A duplicate of "Sequah," in the person of a French Canadian, M. Paul Duplot, is now in Singapore.

The railway line from Tanjong Rambutan to Chumor will probably be open for traffic during September.

Siamese soldiers and policemen are punished for offenses against discipline by being strung up by their thumbs.

The Bangkok Tramway Company has declared a dividend of 6 per cent upon the past half-year's working.

The New Prye River Dock Company of Penang distributes a 3 per cent dividend for the first half of this year.

The Singapore Municipal revenue during the first half of the present year reached $396,282, against $387,686 in the corresponding period of last year.

A thief in Bangkok recently stole the contents of eleven bottles of wine by drawing the corks when he could not get the bottles out of their receptacle.

FOURTH GYMKHANA MEETING.

Under the Patronage of
His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.,
His Excellency Major-General Black, C.B.,
Commodore G. T. Boyes, R.N.

Committee:—R. Alexander, Esq., R.B.; The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving; Hart Buck, Esq.; Capt. Burney, R.A; M. Gröe, Esq.; V. Cecil Hawkins, Esq.; T. F. Hough, Esq.; Capt. Loveband, A.D.C.; J. McKie, Esq; A. S Manners, Esq; G. C. C. Master, Esq; C H. Nugent, Esq., R.E.; Lt.-Col. The O'Gorman, D.A.A.G.; Capt. Radclyffe, R.B.; Commander Tunnard, R.N. and the Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

Judges:—The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving and the Hon. T. Whitehead.

Handicappers:—Hart Buck, Esq.; T. F. Hough, Esq; M. Gröte, Esq

Starter:—Capt. Burney, R.A.

Clerk of the Scales:—R. Alexander, Esq., R.B.

Timekeeper:—J. McKie, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer:—Capt. Radclyffe.

Hon. Secretary:—Lieut. Col. The O'Gorman, D.A.A.G.

SATURDAY,—AUGUST 22ND.

As was only to be expected under the exceedingly favourable climatic conditions, the attendance at the Gymkhana last Saturday was the largest on record this season. His Excellency the Governor and Major-General Black and the *élite* of Hongkong society graced the proceedings with their presence. The arrangements made by the officials were perfect and they are therefore to be congratulated on the success attained, while as regards the programme it was completed in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Some of the events were well contested, especially the Mile Handicap and the Steeplechase. The dog race, though short, was a pleasing novelty that might well be repeated.

During the afternoon the band of the Rifle Brigade supplied the following items of music:—

March	"Hoch Habsburg"	Kral
Overture	"Zanetta"	Amber
Valse	"The Graces"	Prout
Selection	"Dora"	Caller
Intermezzo	"Marie"	Williams
Valse	"Visions D'Amour"	Delbruck

NOVICE HANDICAP; First prize presented by the Hon. E. R. Belilios, C.M.G., second, $20; third, $10; five to start or no third prize.

Once round.

Surg.-Capt. Edye's ch. Pinaet, 11st 7lb Capt. Burney 1

Mr. Forbes's b. Simple Simon, 11st 11lb Mr. Thompson 2

Capt. Loveband's g. Artaxerxes, 12st 0lb Capt. Loveband 0

Mr. C. H. Thompson's g. Desespoir, 11st 3lb.. Mr. Grayson 0

The restlessness of Simple Simon caused some delay at the post and when the field was despatched Planet had the best of an indifferent start. Planet kept the lead and was never in danger, ultimately winning in a common canter. Simple Simon second; Artaxerxes a good third. Desespoir came home in the cool of the evening!

DISTANCE HANDICAP; First prize, $30. Second prize, $10. Third prize, $10. Fourth to save his stakes. Distance one mile. Seven to start or no fourth prize: five or no third prize.

Hon. T. H. Whitehead's Vicar, yds. 350, 11st 6lbs Mr. M. Jones 1

Mr. Deacon's Throstle, 350, 12st 8lbs Owner 2

Capt. Loveband's Xerxes 320, 11st 10lbs Owner 3

Capt. Loveband's The Friar, 375, 11st 7lbs Grayson 4

Mr. Graham's "waler" Egerton, Scratch. 12st 7lbs Owner 0

Mr. Master's Major, 270, 10st Long 0

Mr. C. H. Thompson's Pegasus, 375, 11st 10lbs Owner 0

Mr. Potts's Sub-Griffin, 400, 12st Owner 0

Mr. W. Jackson's Touchstone, 440, 11st 7lbs Owner 0

Vicar, ridden well throughout, romped in an easy winner. The "waler" was not placed and had all his work cut out to keep in sight of the Friar's shapely heels.

SPECIAL PRIZE; each rider may be nominated by a lady whose name should be handed in by him at the time of weighing. First nominee past the post at the finish to win.

The special prize awarded in the distance handicap was won by Mr. Jones, who was nominated by Mrs. J. J. Francis.

DOG RACE; first prize $10; second prize $7; third prize $2; post entries free. Conditions.—Thedogs to be held by a string 100 yrds. from their nominators or masters; each to be "slipped" on the word "go." The first dog to his nominator or master to win. The nominator to provide the "slipper."

Sergeant Frost, R.A.	1
Mr. Forbes	2
Private Redshaw, R.E.	3

Bugler Spice, Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving Private Dillon, Private Harse, Mr. Plinston, Mr. Webster, Surgeon-Captain Edye, Private Brown, Private Duggon, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Davis also sent dogs for competition.

STEEPLECHASE; over the steeplechase course as selected by the Committee; first prize, $50; second prize, $20; third prize, $10. Five to start or no third prize.

Hon. T. H. Whitehead's Kingscote, 12st 10lbs Mr. Boden 1

Capt. Loveband's Xerxes, 11st. 12lbs Owner 2

Capt. Burney's Baccarat, 11st 10lbs ...Owner 3

Capt. Loveband's Artaxerxes, 11st 7lbs..... Mr. Grayson 0

Mr. Salmond's Q.C., 11st 3lbs Owner 0

5lbs Jockey allowance.

At the first hurdle Artaxerxes refused, swerved, fell, and threw Mr. Grayson into the ditch, but fortunately the rider escaped injury. Xerxes led for some distance, but was overhauled by Kingscote, who showed the road to the field until he reached the last water jump, where he stumbled. Xerxes then challenged him, but Mr. Whitehead's pony was equal to the occasion and stalling off his opponent he won by three lengths; Baccarat third.

MILE HANDICAP; first prize presented by the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving; second prize, $20; third prize, $10; five starters or no third prize.

Dr. Noble's Grey Leg, 11st 6lb Mr. Jones 1

Mr. Potts's Vagabond, 11st 5lb ...Mr. Master 2

Mr. Nugent's Armistice, 10st 9lb ...Mr. Boden 3

Mr. Hart Buck's Voltigeur, 10st 12lb..... Mr. Jones 0

Mr. T. H. Whitehead's The Laird, 11st 4lb... Mr. Grayson 0

This was a capital race. The field kept well together until at the top of the straight, where the jockeys set to work with a will. After a tremendous tustle Grey Leg forged ahead and although hard pressed by Vagabond he held the lead to the end; Armistice a good third. Time, 2 mins, 26 secs.

ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY HORNBY, G.C.B. *

The biography of Admiral Hornby, the first President of the Navy League, is in every way a valuable contribution to the history of our navy. It has been compiled by Mrs. Egerton from the late Admiral's diary and papers with filial care, and presents an excellent picture of him in private and public life. Born in 1825, the son of that gallant veteran Sir Phipps Hornby, who served under Nelson on the *Victory*, and fought in Hoste's action off Lissa in 1811, the future admiral entered the navy in 1837. From these early days began his reputation; in 1841 he was noted as a favourite with his messmates and superiors, and a boy of great professional promise. He rose very rapidly in the service, being promoted mate in 1844, commander in 1850, and captain in 1852. He sheds some dry light on the condition of the Navy at this period. On the China Station in 1858, "the flagship never exercises. All the ships lie with topgallant-yards across, and the sails bent, and do nothing." His captains of the tops did not know their business, and it took his crew very nearly four hours to bend and furl all sail. His own enthusiasm and energy quickly wrought some improvement, but there is mention of grave insubordination amongst the men. On the Mediterranean Station, where he commanded the *Neptune* in 1861-2, the man-o'-war was far from perfect, and "no one knew his own speed or the relative speed of other ships." In 1860 he was promoted Rear-Admiral, and at the age of 44 was given the command of the Flying Squadron. From this he passed in due course to the Channel Squadron, and, after two years at the Admiralty, to the *Mediterranean command, where it fell to* his lot to lead his fleet up the Dardanelles, at the time when relations between England and Russia were strained. He was placed in a difficult position—left almost without orders and entirely without instructions, when the slightest indiscretion might have precipitated a war. With what admirable judgment and tact he performed his duty is written in the history of his country. Yet once again, in 1885, when war threatened, he commanded the Evolutionary Squadron. His later years were spent in the noble and patriotic work of awakening the country to the real needs of the Navy. By his death his country lost a faithful servant, the Navy an honoured leader, and the Navy League a dear and valued councillor. It was not the least of his virtues that he held it incumbent on him, as a naval officer, to speak out when he got the opportunity. The story of his life has been exceedingly well told by his daughter, and the Biography is full of good things. We trust it will be read by all our members. There are three admirable portraits.—*Navy League Journal.*

* "Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Geoffrey Hornby, G.C.B." A Biography. By Mrs. Pyne Egerton. William Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh and London, 1896.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

WHERE ARE THE SCHOOL-BOYS TO PLAY CRICKET IN HONGKONG?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—At the distribution of prizes at the Diocesan School in January last, the attention of His Excellency the Governor was drawn to the fact that no convenient and proper ground could be found for the use of boys of the Diocesan School and Home, St. Joseph's College, and Victoria English School for cricket and football.

The ground which has hitherto been used is a piece of uneven, rough and barren ground, popularly known as "Breezy Point," which besides being small (one moderate hit being enough to send the ball rolling down a precipice into the open road), is altogether unfit for cricket and football purposes.

His Excellency in his speech acknowledged the non-existence of a proper ground, and was so good as to promise to take into his favourable consideration the suggestion of the Head Master of Diocesan School for the levelling and improvement of Breezy Point so as to render it fit for a play ground.

As a school-boy and a cricketer, I have been anxiously waiting for the fulfilment of this promise, but have been, with many others, disappointed. The ground now in use is in no better condition than it was at the date of the Governor's speech referred to above.

Being a busy man, such a small matter might have escaped the notice of His Excellency, and I, therefore, do not think it out of place to write this in order to draw His Excellency's attention to it once more, as the cricket season is now rapidly approaching.

It cannot be denied that a good and convenient ground is one of the main things to rouse the enthusiasm of would-be cricketers, as His Excellency, doubtless a good cricketer himself, is aware. I do not think, besides, that the improvement of the ground would cost much to the Government.

I would also mention that it was some time ago rumoured that it was the intention of the Goverment to "cumshaw" the Bowrington Grounds for the use of school-boys for cricket, but this has also come to nothing.

Even the ground at Happy Valley, the part kept separate for public use, is in no fit state for cricket, having no one to look after it. Where then, Mr. Editor, are we school-boys to find a decent ground to play cricket, the game we love so well?

Apologizing for the length of this letter, which the importance of the subject renders necessary, and thanking you in anticipation for its insertion in your influential paper.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A JUVENILE CRICKETER.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896.

THE UNVEILING OF THE STATUE AND COPYRIGHT IN PHOTOGRAPHS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—I hope you will give me space for a few lines regarding the reproduction of photographs in the illustrated papers. It would be well if the public were to discourage members of the Civil Service from essaying to win fame through any such medium, thereby becoming competitors of writers and artists whose legitimate calling it is to supply them. The payment of a shilling or so as the cost of a view does not convey to the purchaser of a photograph the right to reproduce it, and by their doing so it might lead to litigation, which would place a member of the Civil Service in a somewhat unenviable position. Probably it may be offered in extenuation that the official contributor did not at the time of their despatch to the journals consider the question of interference with the profits of individuals; but this reply is not sufficient for acceptance, as want of thought on his part if once admitted would seem to point him out as one ineligible for high positions where due consideration is so essential for the proper carrying out of the public work. There are so many serious objections to those in the Civil Service seeking notoriety by other means than by diligently and capably attending to the details of their highly honourable duties that I can set aside my own interested reasons, and could recount half a hundred others.

There are two views of the unveiling in the *Graphic*, only one of which was produced in the original photograph by the firm named. The general view is the work of another. But where so many views were submitted to the Art Editor, bearing no names, this error of description is easily accounted for.

D. K. GRIFFITHS.

Hongkong, 21st August, 1896.

P.S.—I refer, of course, to views of the ceremony of unveiling the Statue of the Queen on the Praya Reclamation, which appeared in the *Graphic* and *Illustrated London News* of 18th ultimo.

D. K. G.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, August 5th.

Li Hung-chang had an hour's private interview with Lord Salisbury yesterday and afterwards visited the House of Commons.

Lord Cromer, in his evidence before the Welby Commission, deprecated anything likely to transfer the power of financial control over India from England, and thought it inadvisable, to weaken the power of the Secretary of State who was a natural ally of the Indian Council, and that it would be unwise to impair the power of the Viceroy. Every Member of Council should, he thought, be empowered to write a confidential memorandum to the Secretary of State, but he deprecated managing Indian details in London. He advised a Court of Arbitration to settle matters of economy, such as England's proportion of the cost of Aden, and declined to give an opinion on the lending of Indian troops, as being still a burning question. The intervention of Parliament in some Indian matters, he thought, was harmful, and instanced cases of the Opium trade and Contagious Diseases Acts.

LONDON, August 6th.

The *Times* expresses indignation at the diatribes of the German Press against the perfidy of Great Britain in regard to Crete and explains that Lord Salisbury simply declines the crude proposal of the Powers for a joint blockade until he is properly informed of its scope and object.

The situation in Crete is daily becoming more acute. The Mussulmans at Heraklion are attacking foreigners' houses and the authorities seem powerless to stop the outrages. The British Consul has hurriedly gone to Candia.

BRUSSELS, August 7th.

The appeal case against the sentence on Major Lothaire has ended and his acquittal has been confirmed by the Court. The Counsel for the defence strongly insisted that Germany supported Mr. Stokes and that the whole of the revenues of German East Africa is derived from the sale of arms to Arabs!

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following correspondence, read at recent meetings of the Chamber of Commerce, was received too late for insertion in our last issue :—

MR. JOHN ANDREW'S CLAIM.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
12th August, 1896.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 2nd March I am directed to inform you that the Canton Government, acting under orders from the Tsungli Yamen, has paid to Her Majesty's Consul at Canton the sum of $2,182.52, being the amount of the claim preferred on behalf of Mr. John Andrew for losses caused by the illegal action of the Wuchoufu authorities.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obdient servant,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART.
Colonial Secretary,

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

THE WEST RIVER QUESTION.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
4th August, 1896.

My Lord Marques,—This Chamber is aware of the fact that negotiations are and have been for a good many months in progress with the Chinese Minister to Great Britain for the opening up of the West River and other inland waterways of Kwangtung to foreign trade and steam navigation.

I venture to ask your Lordship on behalf of the Committee, whether there is any progress to report in these negotiations. The great interest felt in this colony in this question must constitute my excuse for troubling your Lordship on the subject.—I have the honour to be, my Lord, your most obedient humble servant,

A. MCCONACHIE,
Chairman.

To the Most Noble the Marquess of Salisbury, K.G., &c., H.B.M.'s Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
4th August, 1896.

Sir,—My Committee will feel greatly obliged if your Excellency can furnish any further information, since their interview with you in April last, of the progress of the negotiations with the Chinese Government in reference to the opening to foreign trade and steamer navigation of the inland waterways of the Two Kwang provinces.

A similar application has been addressed to the noble lord the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of which I beg to forward for your Excellency's information.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX.
Secretary.

To His Excellency Sir Claude Macdonald, K.C.M.G., H.B.M.'s Minister to China.

THE GAP ROCK TAX.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
31st July, 1896.

Sir,—This Chamber, naturally regardful of any question bearing on the prosperity of the port, is anxious to see that no impost levied for a special object should be suffered thereafter to become a permanent charge on the shipping frequenting it.

When in reply to a question put by the Hon. T. H. Whitehead in the Legislative Council on the 8th inst. the fact was elicited that the total sum received as the proceeds of the special Gap Rock lighthouse rate from 1889 (date of levy) to the 30th June last was $158,521, while the amount expended during the same period for construction of lighthouse, laying of cable, and maintenance was $315,935, showing a balance of $42,586 in hand, my Committee felt that the time had arrived to ask the Government to redeem the pledge made by Sir William Des Vœux to abolish the extra tax of one and a half cents per ton on shipping.

It may perhaps be useful to quote, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the words used by his predecessor at the meeting of Council on the 11th December, 1889, when the Ordinance authorising this special addition to the light dues was passed. The following question, asked by Mr. MacEwen, the then nominee of this Chamber, and the reply of Sir William Des Vœux are taken from the shorthand report :—

"Mr. MacEwen—The discussion generally takes place on the second reading of Bills, but in a matter of this kind it would be satisfactory to know the length of time it is intended to levy this increase, because if I recollect correctly, it was understood that the tax would only be levied in order to pay for the actual cost of the Lighthouse and then be withdrawn. Is that the understanding?

"His Excellency—Most distinctly. The cent will not raise $30,000, and I think we will be very lucky if we get off for $120,000. It will be called the Gap Rock lighthouse rate, and it will involve the special sanction of the Legislative Council, and it will naturally cease when the Gap Rock lighthouse is paid off. As it is very inconvenient to levy for a broken period of the year, I think, unless there is strong reason to the contrary, it would be advisable to have a meeting again before the 1st January to pass this Bill. If you prefer a meeting at a later date I am quite willing to agree to that. However, as the Council has already practically agreed to this matter, there may be no objection to suspend the Standing Orders, and pass the Bill through all the stages to-day."

The Bill was passed there and then, and, in reply to a request by Mr. Ryrie that Mr. MacEwen's question and the reply thereto should be specially noted, Sir William Des Vœux further said—

"His Excellency—Of course this will be recorded, and I think it will be just as well to mention in the minutes that Mr. MacEwen drew attention to the matter, and that I said that this extra rate was intended by me to be distinctly a payment for the Gap Rock lighthouse and nothing else. Of course, when Mr. Ryrie talks of a promise, I must say it is absolutely impossible for me to bind my successor about anything. All I can say is that I have not the slightest intention to apply the rate for any other purpose. If a necessity arose for doing so, I should come to this Board and inform it of the fact."

From these extracts it will be clear to His Excellency the Governor that Sir William Des Vœux made an explicit pledge, so far as he was concerned, that when the purpose for which this special Gap Rock lighthouse rate was levied had been achieved the impost would cease. This being the case beyond all cavil, my Committee confidently appeal to the Governor to carry out the expressed intentions of his predecessor in office, feeling sure that His Excellency's sense of justice will bind him to the fulfilment of the pledge given to the representative of this Chamber.

The tax of one cent per ton levied prior to 1889, and still imposed, on shipping yields more than sufficient to provide for the upkeep and maintenance of all the lights, and the Committee therefore have the less hesitation in praying for the abolition of the special Gap Rock lighthouse rate.

Trusting that His Excellency will see his way to perform the pledge made by his predecessor without undue delay.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Secretary.

To Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary.

THE REPLY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
14th August, 1896.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo on the subject of the Gap Rock light rate, and to inform you in reply that the matter is receiving the attention of the Government.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:

Canadian *(Empress of India)* to-morrow.
Tacoma *(Tacoma)* 27th inst.
American *(Belgic)* 5th prox.
Tacoma *(Victoria)* 11th prox.
American *(Peru)* 13th prox.

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THE Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the "Ben" line steamer *Benvoirlich*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 21st inst. for this port.

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THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship *Empress of India* arrived at Shanghai at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and left at 11 p.m. the same day for this port, where she may be expected to arrive about 8 a.m. to-morrow.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. Saturday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Kashing	steamer	from	Swatow.
Taisang	"	"	Swatow.
Nerita	"	"	Shanghai.
Guthrie	"	"	Australia.
Hiroshima Maru	"	"	Bombay.
Bayern	"	"	Singapore.
Kwangtze	"	"	Shanghai.
Canton	"	"	London.
Formosa	"	"	Coast Ports.
China	"	"	Saigon.
Kansu	"	"	Chinkiang.
Ningchow	"	"	Shanghai.

Aggregating 22,199 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Utrecht	steamer,	for	Amoy.
Namoa	"	"	Coast Ports.
Senta	"	"	Singapore.
Chowfa	"	"	Swatow.
Ark	"	"	Hoihow.
Kansu	"	"	Canton.
Smellbery	"	"	Nisdivostock.
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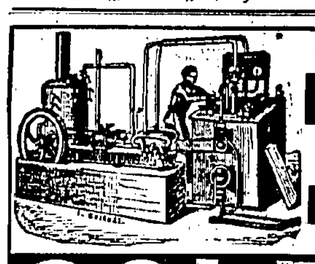
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"HOHENZOLLERN,"

Captain A. Hatrassowitz, will leave for the above Ports on or about TUESDAY, the 25th instant.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1896. [1301

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"BAYERN,"

Captain B. Blanke, due here with the outward German Mail about the 24th instant, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1896. [1301

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"KANSU,"

Captain Sommerville, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1896. [1324

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

R. Nelson, Commander, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st August, 1896. [1318

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1320

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"

Davies, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1315

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"

Captain J. G. Olifent, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896. [1302

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTSZE.)

THE Company's Steamship

"GLAUCUS,"

Captain Barwise, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1896. [1323

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"NERITE,"

Captain Daniel, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 25th instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1896. [1250

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENESK,"

Captain Glegg, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1896. [1275

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED,"

Captain Bartlett, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 1st September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1896. [1313

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, HAMBURG AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE,"

Captain Dwyer, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 18th September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th August 1896. [1313

JAVA, CHINA, JAPAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

UNDER MANAGEMENT OF THE ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY OF NETHERLANDS INDIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.
(Subject to Alterations.)
JAVA, HONGKONG, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AMOY, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, JAVA.

FROM HONGKONG.

S.S. *Germania*.....	To JAVA.....	Sept.
S.S. *Cassius*.....	To JAVA.....	October.
S.S. *Federation* ...	To JAVA.....	Nov.
S.S. *Cassius*.....	To JAPAN ...	Sept.
S.S. *Federation* ...	To JAPAN ...	October.
S.S. *Germania*.....	To JAPAN ...	Nov.

General Agents for China & Japan,
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1896 [884

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 A. L. I. American Ship

"CHARLES E. MOODY,"

Captain Leonard, is loading here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Hongkong, 5th August, 1896. [1056

FOR BALTIMORE.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship

"ISAAC REED,"

Captain F. D. Waldo, is loading here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1896. [1055

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A1 American Ship

"PAUL REVERE,"

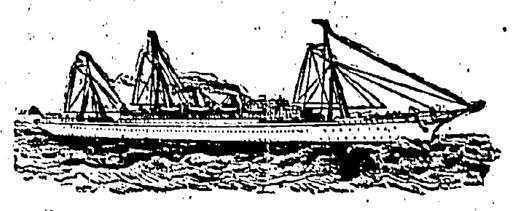
Mullin, Master, shortly expected from SHANGHAI, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1896. [1170

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 2nd September.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 30th September.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 28th October.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY leaving there daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia, *via* Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong *via* Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embraces its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Line passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1896. [3

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, 25th August, at Noon.	
Belgic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Saturday, 12th Sept., at Noon.	
Coptic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Wednesday, 30th Sept., at Noon.	

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 25th August, 1896, at Noon. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1896 [2

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,
PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
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FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM
and
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUER SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [43

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Thursday, 3rd Sept., at Daylight.
Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, 22nd Sept., at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)	Thursday, 8th Oct., at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CHINA"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 3rd September, 1896, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European Officers in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 19th August, 1896. [2

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.



AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [9

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON $400.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK $350.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA $225.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Braemar	3,601	Wednesday	Aug. 26.
Tacoma	4,549	Thurday ...	Sept. 3.
Victoria	3,167	Monday ...	Sept. 21.
Olympia	3,608	Friday	Oct. 9.
Braemar	3,601	Tuesday ...	Oct. 27.

THE Steamship

"BRAEMAR,"

Captain E. Porter, sailing at 5 P.M., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th August, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, Wash., *via* AMOY, FOOCHOW, SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896 4

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"RAVENNA,"

Captain E. Street, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 27th August, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *Peninsular*, leaving that Port on the 19th Sept. for London direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *vid* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1896. [432

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern	Tuesday...	15th Sept.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	13th Oct.
Preussen	Tuesday...	10th Nov.
Sachsen	Tuesday...	8th Dec.
Bayern	Tuesday...	5th Jan.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday...	2nd Feb.
Preussen	Tuesday...	2nd March.

ON TUESDAY, the 15th day of September, 1896, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "BAVERN," Captain B. Blanke, with MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 12th Sept. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 14th Sept., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 14th Sept. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1896. [1302

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